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1. DAKAR DAILY LE SOLEIL REPORTS ON PAGE ONE, JULY 15, PRESIDENT SEKOU TOURE'S REMARKS WITH REGARD TO REJOINING SENEGAL RIVER ORGANIZATION. TOURE QUOTED AS HAVING SAID IN BAMAKO "GUINEA WILL REJOIN RIVERINE STATES OF SENEGAL RIVER." AND "ONE CANNOT TALK OF DEVELOPMENT OF SENEGAL RIVER (WHICH HAS ITS SOURCE IN GUINEA) WITHOUT GUINEA." AND "SWEEP OUT THE PRO-IMPERIALIST POSITIONS AND GUINEA WILL BE WITH YOU".

2. COMMENT: TOURE REFERRED IN THESE REMARKS TO ORGANIZATION DES ETATS RIVERAIN DU FLEUVE SENEGAL (OERS) WHICH IS PREDECESSOR ORGANIZATION OF PRESENT OMVS. PRESIDENTS OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MALI, MAURITANIA AND SENEGAL AGREED TO DISSOLVE OERS AND FORM

OMVS IN MARCH 1972, AFTER YEARS OF POLITICAL DISSENSION BETWEEN GUINEA AND SENEGAL WITHIN ORGANIZATION AND GUINEAN DISINTEREST WITH ITS ECONOMIC OBJECTIVES. END COMMENT

3. MAURITANIAN MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS MOUKNASS CURRENTLY IN DAKAR ALONG WITH MOROCCAN MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS TO DISCUSS SPANISH SAHARA PROBLEM. MOUKNASS ANSWERED SEVERAL QUESTIONS FROM PRESS WITH REGARD TO TOURE'S REMARKS. HE SAID ALL OMVS STATES WOULD DELIGHT IN ADHESION OF GUINEA TO THEIR ORGANIZATION, BUT THAT REMARKS OF TOURE IN BAMAKO NEEDED BE MADE OFFICIAL, AND OMVS WOULD HAVE TO MEET TO MAKE SUCH DECISION.

4. COMMENT: GAMBIAN PRESIDENT JAWARA WILL LEAD MEDIATION MISSION TO CONAKRY NEXT WEEK. BUT WHATEVER THE RESULTS OF THAT MISSION, AND ESPECIALLY IN VIEW OF PAST DISSENSION WITHIN OERS, SENEGAL WILL CAREFULLY REFLECT BEFORE AGREEING TO INVITE GUINEA INTO OMVS IN NEAR FUTURE. SENEGALESE AMBASSADOR TO US COULBARY REPORTS THAT PRESIDENT SENGHOR TOLD HIM THAT RELATIONS WITH THE GAMBIA "HAD BEEN PATCHED UP." WHEN COULBARY ASKED ABOUT GUINEA, SENGHOR REPLIED "LATER." THUS, IF TOURE PROVES THAT HE IS SERIOUS, SENEGALESE WILL PROBABLY BE LOOKING FOR WAYS TO SLOW HIM DOWN. IN LONGER RUN, HOWEVER, IF POLITICAL PROBLEMS CAN BE OVERCOME, SENEGALESE REALIZE IT WOULD BE LOGICAL TO INCLUDE GUINEA IN REGIONAL PLANS FOR DEVELOPMENT SENEGAL RIVER.

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